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'Great Places' coaches due to arrive Monday in Washington

Two coaches assigned to Washington from the State's "Iowa Great Places" initiative will visit Washington on Monday, July 25, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will take place at the Halcyon House's Morrison Center, best accessed from Sitler Drive or South Avenue B. This open meeting is a continuation of some grassroots discussions that have taken place over the past three weeks on Wednesday mornings at cafe dodici.

Washington is one of 145 places in Iowa that sent a letter of invitation in June to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and requested that the state provide some coaches to assist in developing a "Great Places" offer and presentation to the state in September. In October, the state will select three places as pilot projects, which will receive state aid for community improvements.

The Iowa Great Places Web site is www.culturalaffairs.org/great-places/. For more information, contact Ed Raber, Washington Economic Development Group director, at 653-3942, or Suzanne Ackermann at the Once More Store at 653-2928.